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Mr. Thomas Ferns  
US Department of Energy  
Richland Operations Office  
Richland, WA 99352

Dear Mr. Ferns:

I am writing to urge you to preserve the Hanford Reach as a national wildlife refuge. We must save what is left of the once mighty Columbia River.

Two years ago, my husband and I had the pleasure of canoeing part of the free-flowing Columbia River in British Columbia. What an inspiring adventure! It is unthinkable to imagine that the governments of Washington State and the United States are willing to give up what remains of our country's section of free-flowing Columbia. We must not allow the economic prosperity and greed of a few individuals to destroy the legacy of every citizen of Washington State and the United States of America, now and for generations to come.

Preserving the Hanford Reach is the right thing to do.

Sincerely,



Cheryl A. Brownlee